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SUBJECT: REPLY TO PRINCE SULTAN LETTER TO SECDEF BROWN, DATED 10 RAMADAN 1400

REF: JIDDA 4567

1. CONFIDENTIAL-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN HAS RESPONDED TO PRINCE SULTAN'S LETTER OF 10 RAMADAN 1400 (22 JULY 1980), TRANSMITTED REFTEL, WITH THE FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED 19 AUGUST 1980.

3. BEGIN QUOTE:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABD AL AZIZ
MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

I HAVE REVIEWED YOUR LETTER OF 10 RAMADAN 1400 (22 JULY 1980) AND AM PLEASED TO ASSURE YOU THAT GENERAL JONES, THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS VISIT TO THE KINGDOM NEXT MONTH AND TO HOLDING FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN WITH YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL AL HAMMAD. I BELIEVE WE WILL BOTH BENEFIT FROM AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION BETWEEN OUR HIGHEST RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS. AS SUGGESTED IN YOUR LETTER, GENERAL JONES WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

WITH WARM REGARDS AND VERY BEST WISHES.

SIGNED: HAROLD BROWN. END QUOTE.

4. SECDEF BROWN'S LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY. HOWEVER, DEFENSE REQUESTS THAT YOU CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF LETTER TO PRINCE SULTAN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ORIGINAL COPY UPON ARRIVAL. CHRISTOPHER

Declassified: Elijah Kelly
May 28, 85

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